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June 10, 2005

Mr. Joseph Cosentino United States Environmental Protection Agency 2890 Woodbridge Avenue, Bldg. 209, Mail Stop 211 Edison, New Jersey 08837

VIA FAX AND U.S. MAIL

RE:

Bayonne Barrel & Drum Site, Newark, NJ

Progress Report No. 16

Dear Mr. Cosentino:

On behalf of the Bayonne Barrel & Participating Parties and pursuant to Paragraph 23 of the Administrative Order on Consent, enclosed please find three (3) copies of Progress Report No. 16 covering the period from May 1, 2005 through May 31, 2005.

Very truly yours,

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BAYONNE BARREL & DRUM SUPERFUND SITE PROGRESS REPORT NO. 16 May 1, 2005 through May 31, 2005

Description of the Actions Taken Toward Achieving Compliance with the Administrative Order on Consent Since the Previous Report:

- In partial response to a list of requirements provided in EPA's April 24th email analytical data of the ash piles and roll-offs were submitted in hard copy on May 25th. These data had been submitted earlier to EPA by various means; the ash piles during the 2004 construction activities and the roll-offs by e-mail in April 2005. Also, in response to a request from EPA, the dioxin data from the roll-offs was converted to TEQ and provided by e-mail on May 4th.
- Additional soil erosion measures were deployed in May 2005 around catch basins in the Yard Area, and the plastic covers on the ash piles were resecured.
- Waste profiles were submitted to Clean Harbors on May 25th seeking their acceptance of the two waste streams. Pending their acceptance, CERCLA approval will be sought from EPA for the Clean Harbors disposal outlets.
- Site security continues to be maintained at the site with guard service and video surveillance.
- The Remedial Investigation Report prepared for submittal to the NJDEP pursuant to the Technical Requirements was submitted on January 18, 2005.
- Work activities in connection with the preparation of the Remedial Action Selection Report are continuing.

Summary of all Results of Sampling, Tests or Other Data Received or Generated Since the Previous Report:

None



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Completed Deliverables Since the Previous Report:

Analytical results from the March sampling event were transmitted to EPA by email.

Actions Planned Prior to Submittal of Final Completion Report:

- Transport roll-off boxes with Courtyard residue off-site for disposal.
- Prepare documentation of all site disposal activities.
- Submit Progress Report No. 17-July 2005.
- Continue Monthly Progress Reporting.

Percentage Completion:

Work Plan Submittal and Approval- 100% Construction Operations Plan Implementation - 95% Post-Removal Site Control Plan - 0% Final Report - 0%

Delays Encountered or Anticipated:

None currently identified.

